

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cardholder comprising:

a one-piece plastic material configured as a rectangle-shaped cardholder with dimensions approximating a standardized card carried by a person,

wherein the plastic material contains at least two folded edges which form at least a pair of tracks of the cardholder for slipping on and off one or more standardized cards.
2. The cardholder according to claim 1,

wherein the tracks are J-shaped, respectively.
3. The cardholder according to claim 1,

wherein the plastic material further contains a magnifier view portion.
4. The cardholder according to claim 3,

wherein the magnifier view portion is constituted by fresnel contour lines that are stamped on either side of the viewing portion of the cardholder.
5. The cardholder according to claim 3,

wherein the one-piece plastic material is formed of transparent thermoplastic material which is coated on either side thereof, except for the viewing portion of the cardholder, with an opaque finish.

6. The cardholder according to claim 3,
wherein the size, shape and position of the viewing portion is determined on the basis of the level of viewing desired, although limited by the surface dimensions of the cardholder.
7. The cardholder according to claim 3,
wherein the viewing portion covers a rectangle-shaped area having its elongated sides extending parallelly to the pair of tracks.
8. The cardholder according to claim 3,
wherein the one-piece plastic material contains an opaque finish at either side thereof, except for the magnifier viewing portion, and
wherein the magnifier viewing portion is constituted by fresnel contour lines that are stamped on either side of the one-piece plastic material.
9. The cardholder according to claim 8,
wherein the tracks are J-shaped and are provided at one of the pair of parallel edges of the rectangle-shaped cardholder.
10. The cardholder according to claim 9,
wherein the size, shape and position of the viewing portion is determined on the basis of the level of viewing desired, although limited by the surface dimensions of the cardholder.

11. The cardholder according to claim 10,
wherein the cardholder contains a cutaway at one or both of the other pair of opposing edges of the rectangle-shaped cardholder to enable easy removal of a card from the cardholder.

12. The cardholder according to claim 8,
wherein the one-piece plastic material is constituted by a thin thermoplastic sheet made of material taken from the group consisting of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), polycarbonate, polyester, and the like.

13. The cardholder according to claim 1,
wherein the one-piece plastic material is transparent and is constituted by a thin thermoplastic sheet made of material taken from the group consisting of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), polycarbonate, polyester, and the like.

14. A method of making a cardholder comprising:
(a) forming a one-piece clear plastic sheet into a rectangle shape of a standardized card with tab-like extensions provided at a pair of opposing edges of the rectangle; and

(b) forming at least a pair of opposing parallel folded edges of the rectangle-shaped plastic sheet by heating and bending the softened tab-like extensions thereof, the folded edges forming at least a pair of tracks on a same side of the cardholder.

15. The method of making a cardholder according to claim 14,

wherein the forming of the plastic sheet into the rectangle shape of a standardized card further includes curving each of the corners of the rectangle and of the tab-like extensions thereof.

16. The method of making a cardholder according to claim 15,
wherein the forming of the plastic sheet into the rectangle shape of a standardized card further includes cutting away a portion at an edge thereof other than at the location of the tab extensions of the rectangle.

17. The method of making a cardholder according to claim 14,
wherein the one-piece clear plastic sheet is further provided with fresnel contour lines at a portion thereof.

18. The method of making a cardholder lens according to claim 17,
wherein prior to the forming of the folded edges, there is further comprised:
placing a mask over the fresnel contour lines of a size corresponding to a fresnel lens viewing window and then coating the remaining portion of that side of the one-piece clear plastic sheet to achieve a durable, opaque finish, the coated side being at either side of the one-piece plastic sheet.

19. The method of making a cardholder according to claim 18,
wherein the coating of a side of the one-piece plastic sheet with an opaque finish is effected at a phase of the method between that of forming the rectangle shape with tab-like extensions and the forming of the folded edges.

20. The method of making a cardholder according to claim 18,
wherein the coating of a side of the one-piece plastic sheet with an opaque finish is effected at a phase of the method subsequently to forming the fresnel contour lines at a portion of the one-piece clear plastic sheet and before the forming of the rectangle shape with tab-like extensions.

21. A method of making a cardholder comprising:

(a) forming a one-piece plastic clear sheet into a rectangle shape of a standardized card with tab-like extensions provided at a pair of opposing edges of the rectangle; and

(b) forming at least a pair of opposing parallel folded edges of the rectangle-shaped plastic sheet by applying controlled heating to the tab-like extensions thereof and bending the softened tab-like extensions, the folded edges forming a pair of tracks on a same side of the cardholder,

wherein the controlled heating includes placing securely the rectangle-shaped one-piece plastic sheet over a table having at least a pair of properly spaced heating elements embedded in the table so that a controlled amount of heat can be delivered to the entirety of tab-like extensions to cause them to be bendable to about 180°.

22. The method of making a cardholder according to claim 21,
wherein the one-piece clear plastic sheet is further provided with fresnel contour lines at a portion thereof.

23. The method of making a cardholder according to claim 22,
wherein prior to the forming of the folded edges, there is further
comprised:

placing a mask over the fresnel contour lines of a size corresponding
to a fresnel lens viewing window and then coating the remaining portion of that
side of the one-piece clear plastic sheet to achieve a durable, opaque finish, the
coated side being at either side of the one-piece plastic sheet.

24. The method of making a cardholder according to claim 23,
wherein the coating of a side of the one-piece plastic sheet with an
opaque finish is effected at a phase of the method between that of forming the
rectangle shape with tab-like extensions and the forming of the folded edges.

25. The method of making a cardholder according to claim 23,
wherein the coating of a side of the one-piece plastic sheet with an
opaque finish is effected at a phase of the method subsequently to forming the
fresnel contour lines at a portion of the one-piece clear plastic sheet and before
the forming of the rectangle shape with tab-like extensions.